

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes**
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Monday
August 4, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge/Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with eleven (11) District Advisory Board members in attendance, six(6) city staff and eleven (11) members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

Marsha Carr
Janet Miller
Bob Schreck
Pat Randleas
C. Bickley Foster
Bob Aldrich
Carol Skaff
Charlie Claycomb
John VanWalleghen
Jaya Escobar
Sandra Whittington

Members Absent

Stacy Longwell

Staff Present

Donna Goltry, Planning
Officer Perkins, Patrol West
Lt. Nolte, Patrol North
Kelli Glassman, Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Schwiethale, Patrol North
Joe Couey, Fire

Guests

Listed at end

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as with amendments. (**Skaff/Claycomb 11-0**)

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items:

Wayne Larson, intern with the Kansas State University Pollution Prevention Institute, presented on environmentally preferred disposal techniques for excess or expired medications.

Mr. Larson brought several educational posters and explained that it is very dangerous to flush medications down the drain because they are starting to show up in our drinking water supply which can be harmful to everyone. He stated that the proper ways to dispose of old, unused medication is to either take them to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility or crush the medication and mix with coffee grounds and put this mixture in a can with a lid on and place in the trash.

2. Off-agenda items: None at this time

*******Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Lt. Nolte, Patrol North, - Stated that Officer Jerrell is the new 41 beat coordinator and that Officer Woodson will move to 49 beat. He further mentioned that Captain Easter has now been assigned to Patrol North. He also gave crime statistics and stated that there are some areas that are getting hit pretty hard with gang graffiti, but that city staff is working with Westar to beautify the area and decrease this problem.

Schreck pointed out that there will be a gang taskforce meeting on Thursday.

VanWelleghen reminded the officers of the bi-monthly meeting of the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association.

Officer Schwiethale reported for Officer Carlson, Patrol North, 21 beat– officers are doing bike patrol to decrease larcenies in the area. There has also been increased panhandling so officers have been going undercover and have made several arrests. He also reminded that the last 6 months they have been giving presentations reminding people to keep their car doors locked and cover valuables.

Officer Perkins, Patrol West, beat 12 – Informed the group that they are working to put better marked signs at Bryant Elementary.

***** **Action:** Receive and file

4. **Fire Report**

Joe Couey, Division Chief, Operations, - Reported that there were arson dumpster fires behind Twin Lakes shopping center.

New Business

5. **Conditional Use for Group Residence, Limited, for children West of Topeka Avenue and south of 10th Street North**

Donna Goltry, Planning, introduced the item. On Wednesday, August 20, 2008 the District 6 Advisory Board (DAB) considered a request for Conditional Use for Group Residence, limited, for children West of Topeka Avenue and south of 10th Street North. The members were provided the MAPD staff report for review prior to the meeting. Donna Goltry, Planner presented the case background and reviewed the staff recommendation with members and the public.

The DAB and citizens expressed the following questions: (*responses are in italics*)

- Clarification regarding if the property is in the state and local historic registry and if so what guidelines for the interior and exterior of the property would have to be adhered to? *Needs to clarify interior guidelines with other staff, but the property would be held to historic property standards.*
- Has the property already been purchased? *Yes the applicant is closing on the property in a couple of days.*
- Is this a temporary use facility? *Yes, typically the children would stay 60 to 90 days, but this may be extended up to a year.*
- Has this been presented to the Midtown NA? *Only the Board of Directors*
- Has the applicant worked with fire and other staff for ADA compliance? *Yes, fire and other appropriate staff have been consulted, but due to the occupancy, ADA guidelines may not have to be followed.*
- Where will children be allowed to play? *There will be a play area outside, but most activities will take place at the applicant's church (but the kids will be given the option to participate in church activities.)*
- How many staff/children will be housed at the facility? *The Board expressed concern over the occupancy and if it was sufficient to house that many youth. There will be two staff present at all times and about 8 – 10 children, all female, 6-17 years of age.*

Several citizens also spoke in support of this proposal, noting the character of the applicant and the need for such a facility in the community.

Overall, the Board was supportive of the resolution in terms of the current proposed use, but would like the language to address and clarify that the property would have to be used for only this purpose in current and future ownership.

***** **Action:** The District VI Advisory Board made a motion to recommended **deferral** (**Aldrich/Claycomb 11-0**) for a couple of weeks for staff and other appropriate stakeholders (City staff, applicant, Midtown neighborhood, etc.) involved to alter language to address concerns noted above and return for DAB consideration August 20 to be followed by MAPC consideration the next day.

Board Agenda

9. Problem Properties

- 331 N Mosley – broken windows
- North High Bridge and Bidding bridge clean-up requested
- 29th and Emporia – Kansas Can
- Paul's Place on West ST. – plugging in sign at night
- Campbell's Salvage – improper salvaging

- *DAB* expressed concern over pools closing early in the summer and requested information on cost to maintain City pools during the summer. *CM Fearey* explained that she had been told it was due to the fact that most lifeguards are college students and need to return back to school.

*******Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

9. Neighborhood Reports

- No reports were given.

***** **Action:** Receive and file.

Updates from the Council Member

- No updates were given

Announcements

- Next DAB meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2008

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Guests

Leonard Hicks	2230 Cardinal
Ken Elliot	1065 N Waco
Robert and Sherri Gerety	1065 N Topeka
Bernestine Williams	910 E 54 th Street South
Carla Hobbs	340 S 162 nd Street West
Bruce Simkins	501 W 42 nd Street North
Randall Alleman	1328 N Topeka
KC Ohaebosim	1328 N Woodlawn
Greg Beyaim	
Jerry Prichard	N/A - Indian Hills-Riverbend NA

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Glassman, Neighborhood Assistant